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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1983

TO: MORTON
FROM: LINAS *finas*
RE: C.A.P.E.

Morton, Bob Smith, the Executive Director of CAPE visited me and inquired whether or not I could find a room in the EOB for his group to host a reception for the WH staff. Do you know this group? From the attached press release, it seems they might not be on our side. I would appreciate your recommendation and/or comments. Thanks

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CAPE ENDORSES BROADENING OF TAX CREDIT BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) announced today that a majority of its member organizations "strongly endorse" a proposed broadening of pending tuition tax credit legislation to include public school parents.

"By enlarging the beneficiaries of the tax credit to include public school parents," CAPE Executive Director Robert Smith said, "this legislation will conform closely to the Minnesota tax deduction program approved in Mueller v. Allen."

That Minnesota program, approved by the Supreme Court on June 29, permits parents of public school children to deduct from their state income tax certain educational costs such as books, supplies and lab fees.

"By including the parents of public school children in the tuition tax credit legislation," Smith said on behalf of the Council, "we will be providing greater equity for all parents of school-age children by making it possible for them to share the benefits of a federal program of support for educational expenses."

CAPE's member organizations represent 80 percent of elementary

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Members: The American Lutheran Church • American Montessori Society • The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches • Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the U.S. • Christian Schools International • Friends Council on Education • Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod • National Association of Episcopal Schools • National Association of Independent Schools • National Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children • National Catholic Educational Association • National Society for Hebrew Day Schools • Seventh-day Adventist Board of Education, K-12 • Solomon Schechter Day School Association • U.S. Catholic Conference. Associated state organizations in Arizona, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

and secondary schools enrolling 90 percent of the nation's private school students. Its 15 members include The American Lutheran Church, American Montessori Society, The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the U.S., Christian Schools International, Friends Council on Education, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, National Association of Episcopal Schools, National Association of Independent Schools, National Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children, National Catholic Educational Association, National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, Seventh-day Adventist Board of Education K-12, Solomon Schechter Day School Association and the U.S. Catholic Conference.

"Tuition tax credits serve directly the fundamental American principals of increasing opportunity and equality in education," Smith said. "The proposed enlargement of tax credit legislation to include educational costs borne by all school parents is an enhancement which can only strengthen the legislation and its important public purpose."

The Senate tuition tax credit bill, S.528, was reported out of the Senate Finance Committee on May 27. The House has yet to consider this legislation.

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